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**Partial Closure of the Semidi Island Overlap Section of the Kodiak District
to Commercial Tanner Crab Fishing**

Emergency Order 4-S-05-18

State waters (0–3 nmi offshore) adjacent to the Alaska Peninsula (including Sutwik Island) in the Semidi Island Overlap Section of the Kodiak District will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 11:59 p.m. February 10, 2018. Catch reports indicate a closure in this area is warranted due to low Tanner crab abundance and declining fishery performance.

All pots within the closed area must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in the closed area in waters greater than 25 fathoms in depth for 72 hours. After 72 hours, all pots remaining in the closed area must be removed from the water or placed in waters 25 fathoms in depth or less.

Federal waters (3–200 nmi offshore), and state waters adjacent to the Semidi Islands, in the Semidi Island Overlap Section will remain open until further notice. Vessels operators are not required to deliver crab harvested from the closed area prior to harvesting crab in the remaining open area.

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